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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 8, 2003, Applicant submits this Response by the first non-fee deadline, November 10, 2003 (as November 8, 2003, fell on a Saturday). Applicant believes that no extension-of-time, or related fee, is required for this Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry and consideration of this paper to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.